



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
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PROPOSED FINAL AGENDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 9, 2003
9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

PHOENIX INN
417 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98504
Phone: (360) 570-0555

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**** PLEASE NOTE:** Times below are estimates only. The Board reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda. For information regarding testimony, handouts, other questions or for people needing special accommodation, please contact Desiree Day Robinson at the Board office at (360) 236-4110 by March 31, 2003. This meeting site is barrier free.

- 9:30 a.m. Call to Order****
- 1. Approval of Agenda—Action**
 - 2. March Minutes—Adoption**
- 9:45 a.m. 3. West Nile Virus Update**
- *Linda Lake, WSBOH Chair*
 - *Marianne Seifert, WSBOH Staff*
 - *Bill White, Department of Health*
- 10:00 a.m. 4. Governor Locke's Priorities of Government in Health**
- *Wolfgang Opitz, Budget Director of the Office of Financial Management*
- 10:20 a.m. 5. Public Health Funding Requirements & PHIP Recommendations**
- *Secretary Mary Selecky, Department of Health*
- 10:30 a.m. 6. Major Legislative Proposals For Public Health Funding**
- *Vickie Kirkpatrick, Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials*
 - SB5920/HB2070 – West/Romero
 - SB5928 – Franklin
 - HB1265 – Sump
- 10:30 a.m. 7. Legislator Perspectives on Public Health Funding**
- *Senator Rosa Franklin*
 - *Senator Pat Thibaudeau*
 - *Representative Eileen Cody*
- * Other Legislators Invited*
- 11:15 a.m. 8. Local Boards of Health Perspectives on Public Health Funding**
- CLALLAM COUNTY**
- *Michael Chapman, Clallam County Commissioner*
 - *Howard Doherty, Jr., Clallam County Commissioner*
- SEATTLE-KING COUNTY**
- *Margaret Pageler, Seattle City Council Member (invited)*
 - *Richard Conlin, Seattle City Council Member*
- TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY**
- *Lyle Quasim, Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health*
- SNOHOMISH COUNTY**
- *Richard Marin, Edmonds City Council*
 - *Donna Wright, Marysville City Council*
- 12:00 p.m. 9. Public Testimony**
- 12:15 p.m. ADJOURNMENT**

For Your Information . . .

As of: April 3, 2003

Conferences

Please note: This list is provided primarily for informational purposes. Due to the Governor's recent announcement of travel restrictions, Board members, staff and other state employees may not be able to attend these conferences unless they use personal resources.

1. 16th Annual Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference

Sponsored by: Washington Rural Health Association

March 27th - March 28th, 2003, WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park, Spokane, Washington

For more information, call (509) 358-7640

2. The Ninth Healthy Communities' Symposium

Sponsored by: Washington Health Foundation

April 11th 2003, Bell Harbor Conference Center, Seattle, Washington

For more information, call (206) 216-2539

3. 4th Annual International Summit on Redesigning the Clinical Office Practice

Sponsored by: Institute for Healthcare Improvement

April 13th - 15th 2003, St. Louis, Missouri

For more information, call (888) 320-6937

4. Community Based Participatory Research Partnerships for Public Health

Sponsored by: Center for Ecogenetics and Environmental Health

April 17th 2003, UW South Campus Center

For more information, call (206) 616-7566

5. The Nursing Crisis: Improving Job Satisfaction and Quality of Care

Sponsored by: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

April 23rd 2003, Web assisted audio conference call

For more information, call (202) 292-6718

6. Documentation Issues and Charting for the Future

Sponsored by: Lorman Education Foundation

April 25th 2003, LaQuinta Inn And Conference Center, Tacoma, Washington

For more information, call (715) 833-3959

7. 7th Annual Community Campus Partnerships for Health Conference

Sponsored by: Community Campus Partnerships for Health

April 26th - 29th, 2003, San Diego, California

For more information, call (650) 583-7249

8. The Built Environment – What's Health Got To Do With It?

Sponsored by: The UW School of Public Health

April 29th 2003, Health Sciences Center, Room T-625, University of Washington

For more information, call (206) 616-1569

- 9. Caregivers and Quality in Long Term Care**
Sponsored by: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
April 30th 2003, Web assisted audio conference call
For more information, call (202) 292-6718
- 10. 2003 20th Annual Primary Care Update**
Sponsored by: The Inland NW Academy of Family Physicians, Family Medicine of Spokane
May 2nd – May 3rd 2003, WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park, Spokane, Washington
For more information, call (800) 325-4000
- 11. 3rd National Disease Management Summit**
Sponsored by: Disease Management
May 11th – May 13th 2003, Baltimore Waterfront Marriott, Baltimore, Maryland
For more information, call (800) 325-4000
- 12. 26th National Rural Health Association (NRHA) Annual Conference & 9th Annual Rural Minority Health Conference**
Sponsored by: National Rural Health Association
May 12nd – May 16th 2003, Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah
For more information, call (800) 325-4000
- 13. “Using Evidence to Guide Health Policy Decisions in Times of Fiscal Constraint” – A Workshop for State and Local Health Care Policymakers**
Sponsored by: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
May 14th – May 16th 2003, San Francisco, California
For more information, call (202) 292-6718
- 14. 2nd Annual Telehealth Leadership Conference: An Intensive Look at Key Health Issues in Telehealth**
Sponsored by: Washington State University
June 2nd – June 4th, 2003, Wyndam Washington DC Hotel, Washington DC
For more information, call (573) 884-7958
- 15. Quality of Life for Our Elders Conference: Clinical Care for Successful Aging**
Sponsored by: Washington State University
June 6th, 2003, Red Lion Hotel at the Park, Spokane, Washington
For more information, call (800) 279-0705
- 16. 67th NEHA Annual Educational Conference and Exhibition**
Sponsored by: National Environmental Health Association
June 8th- 11th, 2003, Reno Hilton Hotel, Reno/Tahoe, Nevada
For more information, call (303) 756-9090
- 17. 9th Annual International Symposium**
Sponsored by: The Picker Institute
July 16th – July 18th 2003, The Westin Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts
For more information, call (402) 475-2525
- 18. National Prevention Symposium**

Sponsored by: Comprehensive Health Education Foundation (CHEF)

July 16th – July 18th 2003, Hotel Nikko, San Francisco, California

For more information, call (800) 323-2433

19. NCC Environmental Justice Conference

Sponsored by: Center for Ecogenetics and Environmental Health

July 20th – July 23rd 2003, Seattle, Washington

For more information, call (206) 616-7566

20. Washington Health Foundation: Community RoundTables 2003

The Washington Health Foundation and a statewide partnership of 10 organizations are hosting a series of 40 community meetings throughout Washington during the first six months of 2003. It is your chance to offer your priorities and concerns for health and health care in this state.

COUNTY	CITY	DATE	CONTACTS- LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH PRIMARY
Mason County	Belfair	March 27	Kimberly Klint- kak@co.mason.wa.us
Yakima County	Toppenish	April 2	Gail Weaver- Gail.Weaver@YVMH.org (509) 574-5891
Thurston County	Olympia	April 8	Sherri MacDonald (360) 786-5581 ext. 7680
Lewis County		April 10	Katherine Eussen kmeussen@co.lewis.wa.us
Grays Harbor County	Aberdeen	April 14	Maryann Welch mwelch@grays-harbor.wa.us
Mason County	Shelton	April 15	Kimberly Klint- kak@co.mason.wa.us
Island County	Coupeville	April 16	Scott Rhine rhines@whidbeygen.org
Pacific County	Raymond	April 17	Carol Halsan cjhalsan@techline.com (360) 875-4528
Kitsap County	Silverdale	April 21	Patti Hart pattihart@hnh.westsound.net (360) 792-6769
San Juan County		April 22	Rosalie McCreary Bismarck@rockisland.com
Pierce County	Tacoma	April 23	Wallace Seymour Wseymour759@hotmail.com
Jefferson County	Port Townsend	April 25	Patti Shaw pshaw@jgh.org
Snohomish County	Monroe	April 28	Martha Dankers mdankers@valleygeneral.org
Skagit County	Mount Vernon	April 29	Diane Morton dmorton@affiliatedhealth.org
Clark County	Vancouver	April 30	Maurine Taylor mtaylor@swwhd.wa.gov (360) 397-8215

Cowlitz County	Longview	May 1	Paul Youmans youmans@cowlitz.edc.com
Kittitas County	Ellensburg	May 5	Melanie Jones mjones@kvch.com (509) 933-7533
Benton County	Prosser	May 6	Jim Tavary stavary@pphdwa.org
Franklin County		May 7	Brook DuBois bdubis@tesharedservices.com
Spokane County	Spokane	May 14	Torney Smithsmith@spokanecounty.org (509) 324-1500
Snohomish County	Everett	May 20	Judy Ward jward@shd.snohomish.wa.gov
Skamania County	Stevenson	June 18	Maureen Taylor Mtaylor@swwhd.wa.gov (360) 397-8215
Grant County	Moses Lake	June 24	Roger Arango Healthrarango@ep.co.grant.wa.us

For more updated information on locations and times, please visit their Web site at http://www.whf.org/pro_assuring_transform_sche.asp

21. Disease Management Conference and Expo

Sponsored by: Strategic Research Institute

August 4th – August 6th 2003, World Trade Center and Seaport Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts

For more information, call (888) 666-8514

22. Disease Management Leadership Forum

Sponsored by: Disease Management Association of America

October 12th – October 15th 2003, Hyatt Regency, Chicago, Illinois

For more information, call (202) 861-1491

23. 131st Annual Meeting & Exposition

Sponsored by: American Public Health Association (APHA)

November 16th – November 19th 2003, Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, California

For more information, call (202) 777-2479

Correspondence to the Board

1. Maxine Hayes, State Health Officer, Washington State Department of Health

Source: Representative Ruth Kagi, Chair, Children and Family Services Committee

Thank you for your letter of February 26th regarding newborn hearing screening. I greatly appreciate the tremendous progress that has been made over the past year in expanding newborn hearing screening, and certainly support the Board of Health looking at issuing a rule requiring screening for all newborns.

2. Washington State Board of Health

Source: Jeff Johnson, Manager, Spanaway Water Company

Dear Board of Health,

“I am requesting on behalf of the Water Cooperative of Pierce County, a body of eight public water systems serving approximately 250,000 people in central Pierce County, to be added to the Board of

Health's extended distribution list. Of primary concern to the "Co-op's" members are issues related to public water supply.

As you are aware fluoridation of public water systems is a major issue in Pierce County at this time. By way of information I have attached two letters to Rep. Romero related to a bill, SB5764, that would require a vote of water system customers or their locally elected board or the system operator responsible to the Washington Department of Health prior to the addition of fluoridation compounds to the water system. I should note that both Spanaway Water Company and the other members of the "Co-op" have not worked on this legislation in opposition to fluoridation itself. Rather, our customers have very clearly stated that the decision about fluoridation should be made by themselves. The bill language therefore reflects this strongly held belief by our customers while still allowing their locally elected boards to purchase fluoridated water if necessary from a fluoridated regional water supplier."

Attachments

3. Marianne Seifert, Policy Advisor, Washington State Board of Health

Source: Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington

MRSC has created a series of pages on the formation of mosquito control districts. The url is <http://www.mrsc.org/subjects/governance/spd/mosquito.aspx>

4. Linda Lake, Board Chair and Mary Selecky, Secretary of Health

Source: Life Long AIDS Alliance

Thank you for seeking Lifelong AIDS Alliance's review and comment on a process to discuss potential changes to various HIV policies contained in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) and/or the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). The process for and potential implementation of changes deserve thoughtful, careful consideration, and Lifelong AIDS Alliance welcomes the opportunity to participate in and lend our collective expertise to deliberations on these matters.

Correspondence from the Board

1. Stephen Goldberg, TB Control Program, Seattle King County

Source: Dr. Tom Locke, Vice Chair, Washington State Board of Health

I am writing on behalf of the Washington State Board of Health to express strong support for your proposal to develop a Regional Tuberculosis Curriculum Center based at the Seattle & King County TB Control Program.

2. Snohomish County Board of Health Members

Source: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health

We heard "loud and clear" your board's concern about state government efforts to support your efforts on West Nile Virus. We shared those concerns with the rest of the state Board and with state health officer Dr. Maxine Hayes, M.D. at our Wednesday meeting. The state Department of Health Web page on West Nile is www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo/wnv/wnv.html the statewide phone number for up to date information on the disease, its movements in our state and on steps to take to prevent it will be functioning on April 1. It is 1-866-788-4787 (**WA state only**). A separate Spanish language phone line is expected to be up shortly after April 1.

3. Marcia Mueller, Program Manager, Lead Surveillance Program, Washington State Department of Health

Source: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health

The Washington State Board of Health supports the Washington State Department of Health's grant application for funding a state Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. The State Board of Health believes it is essential to have a state program that continues surveillance and follow-up, increases public education and outreach, and expands screening of high-risk children.

4. Dr. Terry Bergeson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

Source: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health

I want to acknowledge the request we received from you at the State Board of Health meeting last Wednesday, March 9, 2003 regarding support for the School Nurse Corps Program. Your staff member, Gail Thronson, shared with us the request you made in the March 7, 2003 memo addressed to Children's Health Partners. As Chair of the State Board of Health I have asked the Board's Children's Health and Well Being Committee for its recommendation regarding a letter of support for the School Nurse Corps. I expect a recommendation from them very soon.

5. Letter to the Senate Agriculture Committee

Source: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health

- [ESHB 1754](http://www.doh.wa.gov/SBOH/Billwatch/2003/ESHB1754-Swecker.pdf) regarding permitting for small poultry farmers
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/SBOH/Billwatch/2003/ESHB1754-Swecker.pdf>
- [SB 5649](http://www.doh.wa.gov/SBOH/Billwatch/2003/HB1318-Cody.pdf) relating to referencing the United States Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Food code in RCW 43.20
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/SBOH/Billwatch/2003/HB1318-Cody.pdf>

6. Letter to the Senate Health and Long Term Care Committee

Source: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health

- [ESHB 1852](http://www.doh.wa.gov/SBOH/Billwatch/2003/HB1852-Kenney.pdf) relating to facilitating collaboration among health care work force stakeholders to address the health care personnel shortage
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/SBOH/Billwatch/2003/HB1852-Kenney.pdf>

7. Letter to the House Health Care Committee

Source: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health

- ESSB 5807 relating to access to medical care
- SSB 5521 relating to more affordable health insurance for small employers

General Interest**1. Index of Innovation and Technology**

Source: Washington Technology Center

Despite our faltering economy, Washington still emerges as a state with a very innovative and entrepreneurial economy. The state continues to lead the nation in the creation rate of new companies and has the second highest growth rate for employment in start up firms. This year's report has two added features – regional measures and benchmark measurements against our Washington Strategy for the Innovation Economy.

2. In Critical Condition: Seattle-King County's Hospital Staffing Crisis

Source: Seattle-King County Hospital, Education and Labor Leaders

Health care facilities throughout Washington State are operating with a dangerous lack of staff and an unprecedented demand for workers, yet our state reports one of the highest unemployment rates in the country.

3. Appointment of a New MAA Chief Medical Officer

Source: Doug Porter, Assistant Secretary, MAA

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Jeffery Thompson, M.D., M.P.H., as the new Chief Medical Officer of the Washington State Medicaid program and the head of the Division of Medical

Management, effective next month. Dr. Thompson has a remarkable resume – from enlisted military service as a Navy corpsman in his youth and then later as a medical officer aboard ship during the Gulf War, from University of Washington professor to Medical Director at the Weyerhaeuser Co. Few of us can claim such varied and valuable experiences.

4. The March Revenue Forecast for Washington State Government

Source: Washington State office of Financial Management

OLYMPIA - The March revenue forecast for Washington State government shows projected revenue for the General Fund budget will decline by \$201.5 million from the last quarterly forecast in November. The forecast projects an increase of \$36.8 million for the current two-year budget period ending June 30, putting total revenue at \$21.163 billion for the biennium. But in the coming 2003-05 Biennium, revenue is projected to be \$238.3 million less than was forecast in November - putting total revenue for the new biennium at \$22.452 billion

5. FDA Food Security Guidance

Source: United States Food and Drug Administration

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued updated Food Security Preventive Measures Guidance for various segments of the food industry. The revised final and draft guidance documents are designed to help food and cosmetic establishments review their current security procedures to minimize that food or cosmetics under their control will be subject to tampering or other malicious, criminal, or terrorist actions.

Attached and via the web link below is the updated guidance for the retail food industry.

<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/secguid5.html>

Publications

1. Alliance

Source: Area Health Education Center

In this Issue: New Resources... Viewpoint: While Would-Be Students Wait, Health Jobs Go Unfilled... Bioterrorism Education foe Rural Primary Care Providers... WEB Site <ales Searching for Grants Easier... Understanding Primary Care Capacity in Your Community... WWAHEC Executive Director Takes National Role... National AHEC Career Center.

For more information, visit Web site at www.users.qwest.net/~wwahec

2. Country Prepares for West Niles Fight

Source: Herald Net, Monday March 10, 2003

EVERETT -- The Snohomish County Council will meet in a closed-door session today with the county's legal advisers to talk about just how far the county should go to prevent an outbreak of the West Nile virus. Since 1999, West Nile has caused 263 deaths in the U.S. Last year, the disease reached Puget Sound, and a dead crow found near Snohomish in October tested positive for the virus.

For more information visit Web site at <http://www.heraldnet.com/Stories/03/3/10/16622717.cfm>

3. Health Tax May Go on Ballot

Source: Seattle Post Intelligence, March 8, 2003

OLYMPIA -- Powerful lawmakers want to put a referendum to voters this fall, asking them to tax themselves to pay for immunizations, disease control and other public health programs.

Senate Bill 5920 would ask voters statewide to raise property taxes 25 cents per \$1,000 assessed value, or \$75 a year for a \$300,000 home, to pay for local public health

For more information visit Web site at http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/111702_publichealth08.shtml

4. How Medicaid Was Set Adrift

Source: The New York Times, March 6, 2003

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — As President Bush kicked off his plan to reform Medicare and the country's malpractice laws on Tuesday, he didn't mention one of the most important policy achievements of recent years: the expanded role of Medicaid, which provides health care to low-income Americans. But then, Medicaid is the success story that almost nobody has paid attention to.

For more information visit Web site at

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/03/06/opinion/06COHN.html?ex=1047973818&ei=1&en=523cedb21a25869f>

5. Maryland Bucks National Trend, Blocks Blues For-Profit Conversion

Source: amednews.com March 24, 2003

The road ahead for Blue Cross Blue Shield plans that wish to convert to for-profit status, possibly in an effort to be acquired by large, private insurers, may be getting bumpier.

The Maryland insurance commissioner's blistering, impassioned rejection March 5 of the proposed for-profit conversion of CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield is likely to energize regulators to scrutinize such proposals with intensity, industry analysts say. Commissioner Steven B. Larsen cited strained relations between physicians in states with Blues plans run by WellPoint Health Networks Inc., which would have acquired CareFirst after its conversion, as one of many reasons to scotch the plan. A conversion would "negatively affect quality of care," Larsen said.

For more information visit Web site at http://www.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/amnews/pick_03/bil20324.htm

6. My Turn: Tuberculosis, Put it in Perspective

Source: The Sun, March 24, 2003 Article by Scott Linquist, Bremerton-Kitsap Health Officer

My days have lately been spent dealing with the concerns of smallpox, West Nile virus, Asian respiratory viruses, and the Iraq war. These are the new and headline-generating public health concerns. All the while, two of the biggest health concerns this planet has ever seen silently slip past the consciousness of most Americans. Mycobacterium tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS are the real global bad guys. Why do we permit their activities while we remain appalled by the possibility of West Nile virus or smallpox? I suggest some perspective.

For more information visit Web site at <http://www.thesunlink.com/redesign/2003-03-24/opinion/103521.shtml>

7. Public Health System Misunderstood

Source: Newport Miner, March 6, 2003 Article by Greg Vigdor, Washington Health Foundation President

Over the holidays, I was watching a group of children playing a game called Jenga, where the object is to remove a rectangular block from a multi-layered tower and place the piece on top without causing everything to collapse. As I watched them build a lopsided, unstable structure and gasp in surprise when it came crumbling down, it reminded me of the current status of rural health.

As health system resources that provide basic strength are removed by cost cutting, the responsibilities for providing services are simply moved to the top of an increasingly unstable structure. Like the game Jenga, there is no question that as long as we continue to weaken the structural supports without lessening the burden, collapse is inevitable. Yet we are likely to be just as startled as those children as we watch our local health system structure begin to sway.

For more information contact (360) 236-4110

8. Seattle Researcher Examines Environmental Causes for Juvenile Diabetes

Source: Seattle Post-Intelligence, Friday March 7, 2003

The trend is disturbing: Juvenile diabetes, a disease that can cost people their kidneys, their eyesight, even their limbs later in life, has been steadily claiming more victims during the past few decades. And no one knows why. While the rate of adult-onset diabetes has also been going up, that's easier to figure out. Our super-sized, couch-potato culture is making people heavier, a known risk factor for diabetes in adulthood. For more information visit Web site at http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/111421_diabetes07.shtml

9. Sharing the Excitement of Science

Source: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, February 2003

In this Issue: PNNL Chooses New Lab Director... Newsletter Supports Regional Businesses... EMSL Facility Brings World-Class Scientists... Watt Stopper Saves Energy in Offices... Antibody Library Identifies Proteins Faster... Laboratory Wins Three FLC Awards

For more information, contact PNNL at (888) 375-6550 or visit their Web site at www.pnl.gov

10. State Health Notes

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, March 10, 2003

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – An August 2001 federal report suggested that states might be overpaying for Medicaid drugs by more than \$1 billion a year and that they trim rates accordingly. A few have done so, sparking a firestorm of protest from pharmacies.
- Highlights – Multistate (MI, VT, WI, SC) Rx drug purchasing pool... Health care cost survey... Residency work hours.
- FYI – Asthma rates are rising among American kids, especially in poor and minority families. A workgroup of health plans has some solutions.

Public Health News

- Feature Story – Are the nation's public health laboratories better prepared for a bioterrorism attack than before 9/11? The answer is guarded somewhat. A look at activities around the US.
- Health Talk – Mark Keim, a disaster medicine specialist with the CDC. Discusses preparedness in the Pacific Islands.
- Vital Signs – Notification procedures for a bioterrorism incident; "shelter place."

For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

11. State Health Notes

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, March 24, 2003

In this Issue:

- Cover Story – An administration plan proposes voluntary vaccination against the smallpox virus. But Phase I, which involves some 500,000 public health and hospital workers, is off to a slow start, mainly because of safety and compensation issues. States also fear for other public health efforts.
- Behavioral Health News – A recent report says underage drinkers and adults who drink to excess account for half of alcohol spending and consumption. Critics question its data and definitions.
- Highlights – Report on the uninsured... Blue Cross-Blue Shield conversations in KS, MD... MD high-risk pool... AMA malpractice update, DHHS report on malpractice... Patient safety studies on the elderly, kids... Diabetes costs... MS tobacco tax, smoking ban... OR assisted suicide update... End-of-life financing.
- Tracking Trends – With health insurance rates going through the roof, states seek ways to help small groups buy coverage.

- **FYI** – Reading the demographics, the School of Nursing at Texas Tech has come up with a prize-winning curriculum in geriatrics, including an on-campus teaching nursing home.

For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

Local Board of Health Meeting Minutes

1. Island County Local Board of Health

Source: Special Session Monday February 10, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Contents:

Community Health Advisory Board Appointments:

- Krista Voigt, Position #8, Term Expiration March 8, 2005
- Mary Long, Position #16, Term Expiration March 8, 2006
- Charles Scurlock, Position #7, Term Expiration March 8, 2004

Motion passed unanimously

Advisory Reports On the:

- Opportunity Council
- IC-SPH&S Network
- Water Conservation Board
- Environmental Health Advisory Team

Contract Updates:

There was an update on the revisions that needed to be made with vendors.

2. Tacoma Pierce County

Source: Wednesday February 5, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Contents:

Election of BOH Officers:

- Kevin Phelps was elected to remain Board Chair

Amendment of Resolutions:

- No. 2003-3454 Child and Family Guidance Center
- No. 2003-3455 Child and Family Guidance Center
- 2003-3456 People of Color Against AIDS Network
- 2003-3457 Pierce County AIDS Foundation
- 2002-3436A-2 Conditional Noise Variance

Communications Plan for:

- Information Line
- Website
- Postal Carrier Route Mailings
- News Releases
- Neighborhood Association Mailings
- Public Posting of Construction Projects

WSBOH Annual Report 2002:

- Presentation of 2002 Annual Report by Chair of the Washington State Board of Health Linda Lake.

Meeting Adjourned

Public Health Employment Opportunities

1. Director, Health Policy Analyst Program

Source: University of Washington

After 15 years, Aaron Katz announces his resignation as Director of the University of Washington Health Policy Analysis Program effective autumn 2003. He developed HPAP into a large and well-regarded state centered health policy analysis program with a national reputation for quality. Among HPAP's many accomplishments is the development of the Washington Health Conference, held in December of each year. For More information on HPAP, see: www.hpap.washington.edu. Salary for this position is commensurate with experience. Please send a curriculum vita, a letter of interest, and names of three references by June 1, 2003 to:

Laurene Fenno
Assistant to the Chair
Department of Health Services
Box 357660
Seattle, WA 98195

2. Accounting Services Manager

Source: Cascade Consulting Group

Desired Qualifications: Master's Degree in finance, accounting, business, health administration, public administration, or related fields is strongly preferred. Certified Public Accountant preferred.

Salary: DOE

Send Resume' to:

Mr. Lee T. Pasquarella
Cascade Consulting Group
411 108th Avenue NE, Suite 250
Bellevue, WA 98004
Telephone: (425) 455-8108
Fax: (425) 637-5657